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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Wednesday, 14 October 1953

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Mr. Wisner, Mr. Amory (Part of Meeting) Colonel White, Messrs. Kirkpatrick, [redacted] Sheldon, and [redacted]

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Mr. Dulles:

a. Referred to a public statement by Senator Dirksen that a number of highly classified U.S. documents on radar had been located in the East Zone of Germany, and stated that a quick check with [redacted] and [redacted] revealed no information had been received which would substantiate the Senator's claim. The Director said this case should be watched closely. (NOTE: [redacted] is querying the field for whatever information they might have.)

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b. Stated he was still disturbed over the report of Lieutenant Colonel M.R. Blair, contained in a cable from the Senior Representative, [redacted] and asked that a letter be prepared for his signature to the Department of the Army, requesting that in those instances where its officers wish to contact our people during field inspection trips, for any reason whatsoever, that clearance to do this first be obtained from Headquarters. The Director said that Blair's report on our activities [redacted] could be used as a case in point. Mr. Wisner suggested that we go further and set the record straight [redacted].

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[redacted] The Director approved. In connection with our activities [redacted], the DCI said that they should be closely watched. Mr. Kirkpatrick suggested that senior CIA officials visiting that area should make it a point to call on General Donovan. The Director approved and noted that he had asked General Bull to do this while there from 24 to 29 October.

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Mr. Amory:

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[redacted] Mr. Wisner referred to a cable on this subject (OUT 93581) and the reply thereto, and stated that as a result of the above referred to messages, it appeared that further action was required on this matter and undertook to follow through. Mr. Wisner also said that we should act now on this problem [redacted]

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Mr. Amory (Continued):

b. Reported there was a draft NSC paper before the Planning Board respecting a program for additional cold war radio monitoring activities which would require a financial appendix. After some discussion, it was agreed that a statement should be included in this paper to the effect that CIA could not participate in any such program and still remain within our present budgetary limitations. It was also agreed that we would go on record with the Bureau of the Budget that additional personnel slots would be required by CIA if the paper in question is approved and action on our part is required in its implementation.

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General Cabell:

a. Briefly reported on a conversation with Mr. Bonsal of State, respecting [redacted]

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b. Reported that as a result of [redacted] trip to [redacted] he (DCI) was now of the opinion that our best purposes could be served by locating [redacted]. The Director asked General Cabell to work this problem out to his (DCI) satisfaction.

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Mr. Kirkpatrick:

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a. Noted that the briefing for Congressman Judd had been scheduled for 24 October, and since the Director plans to be out of the city on that date, asked if DCI desired to see the Congressman one day next week. The Director indicated that he did and Mr. Kirkpatrick undertook to make the necessary arrangements.

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[redacted]
a. Reported that [redacted] had seen [redacted] for the purpose discussed in the Deputies' Meeting on 5 October.

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b. In view of the situation [redacted] stated that General Samford had questioned whether or not an Air Force cargo plane should be dispatched [redacted] for the purpose of bringing out [redacted] now in possession of [redacted] and had asked that this flight be cleared with the Department of State. Mr. Helms said that this had been done and "the plane was on its way." Subsequent to the meeting Mr. Helms advised this mission was successful and the Air Force plane had departed [redacted] at 3:00 p.m. today. The DCI has been advised.

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